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AHS to assess role of rural hospitals

Alberta Health Services is evaluating how to most effective ly provide care in rural areas, which could have an impact on Didsbury Hospital.

However, current service levels are expected to remain the ame until at least the fall, stressed Didsbury mayor Brian Wittal, who attended a meeting with the new AHS board in January

"We don't see a real near-term change to anything because I don't believe [the board] will have time to review it," he said. Since the operating theatres were removed from the hosp tal, it has essentially become an emergent care ward, provid-

ing emergency and long-term care services The hospital once had 15 acute-care beds to provide shortterm treatment, but five of those had to be closed because of

a shortage of nursing staff.

Attracting additional nurses to address the staffing shortage and keep the hospital viable is a critical priority, noted Dr. Andrew Jackson of Silverfern Medical Clinic.

One possible way of doing that is to "offer a job that's exciting and vibrant...and...a little more cutting edge than just wiping noses...and handing out pills," he said, noting that typically a much broader skill set is required in a rural hospital than an urban one.

"It's not like being a nurse in the city...A rural nurse has to be a jack of all trades," said Jackson. This could include any-thing from emergency births to a heart attack.

"It's a nervous time for everybody...I certainly would not like to lose the acute-care beds," he said.

Before AHS took over the provision of health services in this province, the David Thompson Health Region and Calgary Health Region had disagreed on what the purpose of

the facility should be. The DTHR wanted to maintain it as a full-service hospital, with the CHR preferred to see it be devoted strictly to continuing care.

An indication of Alberta Health Services' vision for rural hospitals is not likely to come until the provincial govern ment releases its 2009-10 budget on Apr. 7, said AHS spokesperson Bruce Conway

"We might be able to help Calgary offload some of their huge overburdened bed crisis that they have...You've got patients that are waiting in hallways in Calgary for a day-and-a-half, two days just to get beds."

> DR. ANDREW JACKSON Silverfern Medical Clinic

"When the government presents its budget, we'll have a better idea in regard to...what the needs are in various communities," he said, noting that decisions made by the AHS will likely be significantly influenced by the 2008 Service Optimization Review, which examines ways of improving the provision of health services throughout the province and can be accessed at

www.health.alberta.ca/documents/Service-Optimization-Review-2008.pdf.

With hospital space at a premium in cities such as Calgary, the Didsbury Hospital should make use of its available room by working more closely with Calgary's hospitals.

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huge overburdened bed crisis that they have," he said. You've got patients that are waiting in hallways in Calgary

for a day-and-a-half, two days just to get beds."

In addition, Calgary surgeons could be brought down to Didsbury to perform procedures that don't require a fully equipped operating theatre.

Partnerships with Olds hospital are another possibility

"Can we look at what we do well and what they do well and then complement each other?" said Jackson. "There is always possibility for that. It's also important that AHS take a long-term perspective,

aid Wittal, who met with hospital doctors and support staff on Jan. 26.

"They talk about visioning for 20 years down the road and I think that's one of the key things that we looked at," he said.

"This area here is growing and will continue to grow steadily because we're on the corridor."

Currently, the Didsbury hospital has about 80 continuing

care beds.

However, Jackson cautioned that any move to focus exclusively on continuing care bsy eliminating the hospital's acute care altogether could have severe consequences, since doctors depend on the income from these surgeries to supple-

ment revenue from their clinics.
"If we lost our emergency you might as well say goodbye to all of your doctors," he said, citing the closing of the hospital in Fort Macleod as one case where this has happened.

"There is a danger that doctors say, 'I'm not going to work in an environment where half my income's been cut out."

To discuss the current hospital situation and opportunities Val Congdon, Current Regional Clinical Department Head Department of Rural Medicine with the CHR, will be attending the next meeting of area doctors and staff



CLOSE SHAVE - Raymond Anderson and Marjorie Cheecho cheer for Didsbury's Evan Tippe as he gets his head shaved at Horizon School in Olds, Friday. Tippe, Anderson, Adolph and Sarah d almost \$2,000 and shaved their heads for the Canadian Cancer Society to help fund a cure



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Town eyes new seniors housing complex

BY TIM DENOUDSTEN Didsbury Review

Additional affordable housing for seniors may be on the horizon for Didsbury.

Town of Didsbury building committee is cur-rently in the early stages of consulting with developers to determine the optimal size and location of a new seniors' housing complex.

The primary location currently under consideration by the committee is the now-vacant former site of the Didsbury High School.

"It's a big piece of land [that] gives us the room that we need to put on a big building with parking and some green space," explained Didsbury mayor Brian Wittal, adding that its central location is also a

The potential structure of

the building, including room size and number of storeys are among the factors being looked at.

"We've been looking at...these kinds of details so looking that [developers] can start doing some more accurate costing of what it would take for them to build the project," he said, stressing that discussions are still very early and construction will probably not begin for another three to five years.

Completing the seniors' housing will be the commit-tee's first priority, since the developer, not taxpayers, would likely provide the

After that, the complex could be expanded to include a new town office and library.

"We did a needs asse: ment as to what the town needs for a new office

space that would take us ahead for 20 years...We have projections based on growth and where our town is going to be in the next 10 to 20 years is and what size of library we're going to need to accommodate that,' said Wittal.

The building site being considered would be an excellent spot for a library, since it is near the schools, he added.

The building committee is working with some differ-ent developers on various concepts.

"It's time to start the [planning] process, Wittal, noting that determin-ing how the project should be paid for is one of the main issues being consid-

'It all comes down at the you afford it." he said.

Westglen School hosts free throw contest

BY TIM DENOUDSTEN Didsbury Review

Swish!

The soft rustle of a basketball passing through the hoop's nylon netting may rank as one the greatest sounds in all of sports.

There were certainly a good number of those swishes at Westglen swishes at Westglen School on Saturday, Feb. 28, as kids from all over the county competed at the 'council' level of the Knights of Columbus basketball free throw champi-

About 100 boys and girls ages ten to 14 stepped up

to the basketball court's foul line to take 15 shots and sink as many baskets as possible in a bid to advance to the next round, the district level, held on Saturday afternoon.

The winners, including Westglen's Roseda McInnis, 8, will continue on to the regional competi-tion in Red Deer next month.

The results from that competition will go to Edmonton, where organizers will sift through the scores to determine the top three competitors in the province.

Winners at that stage will

Canada and head to the Knights of Columbus headquarters in New Haven, Conn. for an international showdown against the best from the United States.

Ultimately, the main goal of the event was for the kids to have a good time, said Richard Bodnar, Olds and Area Knights of Columbus free throw chairperson.

Participants received ribbons, medallions and basketballs, as well as free pop and hotdogs.

"We do it for fun," said Bodnar. "Kids enjoy it and it's just a fun day."



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olts wrap up season

BY TIM DENOUDSTEN Didsbury Review

Snake-bitten as they with injuries throughout most of the 2008-09 season, perhaps it was fitting that the Mountainview Colts had their playoff drive ended by the Vipers of Red Deer.

The Vipers edged by ar undermanned Colts squad score of 4-2 in deciding game of their first-round Heritage Hockey League Junior playoff matchup on Feb.

"We laid a licking on them in their rink in game one, they laid licking on us in game two and game three up there was back and forth and one bad bounce turned into short-handed goal them," said Colts head coach Cliff Murphy.

"We just didn't have enough jump at the end; guys were getting played out because we had so few bodies.

However, Murphy commended his club for batthrough adversity over the course of the sea-

"Overall, it's just the character of the kids that we had that even though we were hurt and beat up we could still go to the visiting rinks and come out with two points."

> CLIFF MURPHY Colts head coach

There were some nights when we had to go play with 13 or 14 skaters [due he injury]. "Overall, it's just the character of the kids that we had that even though we were hurt and beat up we could still go to the visit ing rinks and come out with two points

"I've coached hockey for 20 years and have never had so many guys banged and nicked up and bruised."

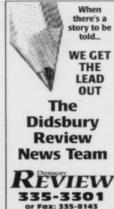
Colts The extremely physical, hardhitting hockey all season long, which sometimes got them into penalty trouble. They went short-handed a total of 287 times over the course of the 35-game sea son, just one shy of the Airdrie Thunder's leagueleading 288.

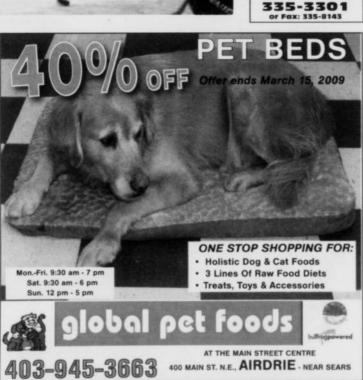
"I think we were a big team that had to play physical to be successful, remarked Murphy, "bu sometimes...referees aren't willing to let teams no matter whether they're within the rules.

addition, forwards Justin Duncalfe and Eric Becker each racked up over 200 penalty minutes.

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Mountainview Colts Rvan Miller passes a puck up front in a match against the Ponoka Stampeders early in the The Colts season. eliminated from the playoffs by the Red Deer Vipers in game three in their best-of-three





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Drunk driving punishment should fit the crime

DAN SINGLETON

With drunk drivers continuing to cause tragedy and heartbreak in communities across Canada these days, it's not surprising that ordinary citizens are calling for more to be done to end the carnage

There's no question that every law-abiding man and woman in west central Alberta would like nothing better than to see an end to the days when drunks kill themselves and others on area roads.

Yet the debate about what can and should be done to make drunk driving a thing of the past has been going on for years and will likely continue for years to come.

Last week a House of Commons committee began hearings on the possibility of lowering Canada's impaired driving level to 50 mg per cent from the current 80 mg per cent.

The all-party committee will eventually make a recommendation to the Minister of Justice on whether the change should be made. Already those for and against the potential change have come out with their respective positions.

Some anti-drunk driving advocates say if lowering the limit deters even one driver from climbing behind the wheel after drinking alcohol it's worth-

Mothers Against Drunk Driving would like to see a minimum 45-day ban on driving for those caught with a 50 mg per cent alcohol level.

On the other hand, defence lawyers are arguing that a person may not even be impaired at 50 mg per cent and that the benchmark level would essentially be making criminals out of people who pose no danger to the public.

If past attempts to address the complex issue of blood alcohol and driving ability are any indica-tion, these new House of Commons' discussions are unlikely to lead to any lasting agreement.

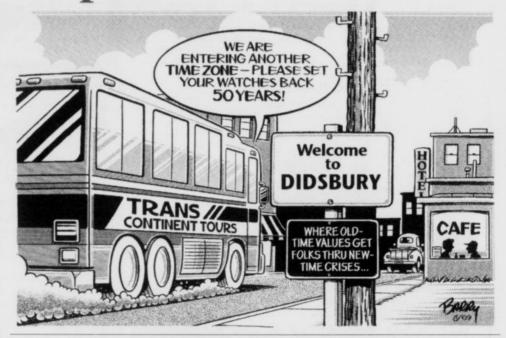
With that in mind, perhaps it's time for MPs to consider a third option - that Canada bring in a graduated drunk driving penalty system whereby the punishment imposed would depend entirely on the level of driver impairment.

Under the current system anyone caught with a blood alcohol level of 160 mg faces the exact same punishment as a driver with a 100 mg alcohol level.

Yet surely the more impaired a person is the greater danger they pose to public safety. As such, doesn't it only make sense to seek a greater punishment for those who represent the greater risk?

If the goal is to make roads safer for everyone, maybe MPs should start focusing on making the punishment fit the crime.

Of course educating drivers, particularly young drivers, about the dangers and potential costs of drunk driving must also continue to be part of the



Commentary

Alberta fiscal plan disgraceful

JANINE HALBESMA

Did you hear the news? This week Alberta Finance Minister Iris Evans confirmed that the government will spend more than it takes in this year. The shortfall will be about \$1.4 bil-

Yes, you heard that right. It's the "d" word. The Alberta government will record its first deficit in over a decade. Even though this year's shortfall is mostly due to a \$3 billion decline in the value of the Heritage Savings Trust Fund, it is just the beginning.

The government is also planning to end the next fiscal year in the red, but we'll have to wait for the provincial budget on April 7th to learn the details

Imagine if a family was faced with a similar situation. If expenses exceeded income, a family could reduce spending by cutting out some of the niceto-haves like eating out, vacations, or even saving. It could generate more income by asking for a raise or taking on additional work. It could also dip into savings or finance the shortfall by credit.

In other words, the Alberta government could reduce some programs, services, or administrative costs, raise taxes, dip into savings, or force future taxpayers to pay for the cost of

Unfortunately, the government doesn't seem interested in reducing spending. The \$100 million of venture capital funds that was announced last year is still on. Even the \$2 billion for carbon capture and storage is still on.

It's safe to say there is no appetite among Albertans to see taxes going in any direction but down, especially in this economic environment.

So, what's left? Dipping into savings or deficit financing.

The Alberta government will have to dip into its rainy day funds. The problem is that at the current rate of spending, that money would probably run out in a couple of years so it's not a sustainable solution. So the remaining solution is deficit financing. Ironically, approach will lead the government to break its own balanced budget legislation.

Yet, there seems to be one other option that the Alberta government is interested in: do nothing and hope for the best. It doesn't seem to be flexible enough to adjust to the new reality, but instead is keeping its fingers crossed that energy prices and investment returns spike again, and soon.

If the government was nimble, the first area of attention should be to reduce spending. The underlying problem with the

spending has been out of control for many, many years. While population and inflation have increased 66 per cent since 1998, spending on operations alone has ballooned 126 per cent. Put another way, spending has increased nearly two times faster that population and inflation. To understand how serious this is, consider that Alberta spends more per capita than every other province.

Lately, the province has been releasing budgets with doubledigit spending increases. This week Finance Minister Evans suggested that while the increase for next year may not be as big, there will still be an increase. Even in these economic conditions, the government refuses to trim spending.

Given the economic downturn and all the turmoil in financial markets, we can't expect Alberta to be immune. However, we can expect our political leaders to do what's right for current and future Albertans. That means the government must get spending under control and balance the budget. To not do so is disgraceful.

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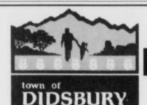
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PUBLIC MEETINGS & NOTICES

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING:

Tuesday March 10, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

Wednesday March 25, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers

DIDSBURY LIFELINE SOCIETY:

Monday March 9, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chambers

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The Town is seeking input and comments from the Town's residents and welcomes your written responses on the draft by March 20th 2009. The draft copy of the new Bylaw will be available on the Town's Web site at www.didsbury.ca, or you may pick up a copy at the Town office between regular business hours 8:30am to 4:30pm Monday to Friday starting on March 10, 2009.

Comments may be made by email to kboyd@didsbury.ca, rwigg@didsbury.ca, by mail to Box 790 Didsbury T0M0W0 or fax to 403-335-9794.

Council is proposing to proceed to first reading of the Bylaw on March 31, 2009 and is tentatively scheduling a public hearing on April 21, 2009 to hear comments from affected persons and to make a decision with respect to second and third readings and adoption of the new Bylaw.

Questions may also be directed to the Planning and Development Department at 403-335-3391.

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BY TIM DENOUDSTEN Didsbury Review

What do the Bible, the Harry Potter series and Maclean's magazine have in common?

Over the past decade, each has come under fire in Canada from various groups asking that they be removed from public library shelves. However, today, all of them remain.

During the week of Feb. 22-28, the Didsbury Public Library joined libraries throughout Canada in marking the 25th anniver-sary of national Freedom to Read Week, which cele brates Canadians' right to intellectual freedom, guaranteed under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

"It's all about accessibility to all opinions, thoughts and points of view," Yvonne Werkmann, a poet and member of Didsbury writers' group JUS.

In honour of the week, JUS hosted its second TALKSPEAK2 gathering at the library on Friday, Feb. 27. About 20 writers and poets attended, including members of 'wordweavers in Calgary.

Didsbury library manag-er Inez Kosinski noted that the library has an obligation to the public to pro-vide all viewpoints of various issues

both promotes understanding and allows for reasoned debate and disagreement.

"If we don't know what someone is saying, how can we argue with them and try to clarify things? said Kosinski.

A good example of this occurred about 15 years ago, when a Didsbury library patron reported to police that the library had a nationally banned book denying the Holocaust on its shelves

Police then seized the book and it was destroyed.

According to Kosinski who at that time was only a member of the library board - the book had been purchased many years before and the library was not aware that it had been banned.

The incident drew media attention and soon the library received a letter from the Canadian Jewish Congress stating that such books should be properly classified rather than

removed.
"Basically they said, 'All we ask is that you cata-logue as Holocaust denial and you do not catalogue it history," Kosinski recalled.

However, the patron should have approached the library board instead of the police with his conis, she added.

"If a person feels that it shouldn't be on our library shelf, they can request a reconsideration of that book and fill in a form declaring what it is they object to," she said.

The library board will then assess the request based on similar criteria to that used when purchasing a library book, such as the book's literary merit and popularity.

Sexual content, historical inaccuracy, profanity and religious themes are some of the reasons typically given for why a certain book should be taken off shelves, explained Kosinski.

"Mark Twain's books are challenged all the time because he portrays char-

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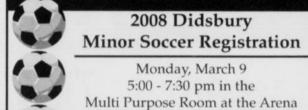
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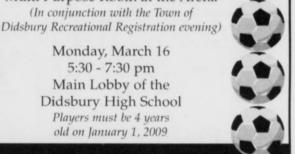
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Fri. Mar. 6

You are most welcome to attend the World Day of Prayer Service being hosted by St. Anthony's Catholic Church; for newcomers to town, the church address is 2030-24 Ave. The theme this year Papau, New Guinea. More info from Theresa McNeil at 403-335-8611.

Cribbage play starts at 7 p.m. at the 5-0 Centre. You are welcome to come and join in the card playing and to enjoy the coffee and goodies served and the visiting.

Sat. Mar. 7

Tickets are advance sales only for the wonderful supper, auction and entertainment at the MP Room at the complex starting at 6 p.m. being hosted by the Didsbury Historical Society. Please phone 403-335-3277 or 403-335-9295.

Mon. Mar. 9

If you have been contemplating having a Lifeline installed in your home, you are most welcome to attend the Didsbury Lifeline Society Meeting at the town office at 10 a.m.

Wed. Mar. 11

The second Wednesday of each month is Potluck Dinner day at the 5-0 Club starting at 12:30 p.m. If you are 50+ years, put together your favourite recipe for a meat dish, veggies, salad or dessert and come, enjoy the meal, meet new people, enjoy the camaraderie, card games or visiting for the afternoon.

Wed. Mar. 11

The Didsbury and District Chamber of Commerce general meeting is being held tonight starting at 7 p.m. Place yet to be announced, phone the chamber office 403-335-3265 for info.

This is the evening of the Carstairs Women's Dessert night at 7 p.m. at the Carstairs Golf Club. Special feature, music and speaker. Please reserve your seat by phoning Deb at 403-337-2487 or Maria 403-337-0122. Your reservation should be honoured, given to a friend or cancelled.

Sun. Mar. 15

The Didsbury Figure Skating Club is pres the annual Ice Carnival at 2 p.m. at the Didsbury Arena. This will be a joyous afternoon watching all

Feb. 20

1:40 p.m.: Police responded to a complaint from Didsbury of a 13-year-old shooting an airsoft pellet gun at a neighbour's son. Police attended and spoke to the youth about the safe usage of such a gun.

8:45 p.m.: Police received a report of a hit and run collision. However, soon after the complaint was made, the offending individual volun-tarily returned to the scene exchanged inc. drivers information. Damage was estimated to be under \$1,000.

10:20 p.m.: A semi-trailer that had ended up in the ditch after taking a corner too wide on Hwy. 581 was reported to police to be blocking traffic

10:30 p.m.: Police received a complaint of junior high youths drinking, partying and smoking at a Didsbury

Feb. 21

2 a.m.: Police received a complaint from Carstairs of a vehicle that failed to stop at an intersection. Police later located the vehicle parked

Police briefs

BY TIM DENOUDSTEN Didsbury Revi

along a road. The driver was noted to be asleep. No charges were laid.

8:12 p.m.: Police received a complaint of loud music coming from a Didsbury res idence and were told that this had been happening on

and off for about a week. 9:10 p.m.: A Water Valley resident contacted police to report an assault that had happened about one month prior. The individual had not reported it earlier because of a fear of retribution.

Feb. 22

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1 a.m.: Police received a report from Carstairs that an intoxicated female had been found sitting in a snow bank.

8:30 a.m.: Horses were reported to be on the road along Hwy. 580. Police contacted the owner, who was able to round them all up and get them back where they belonged.

12 p.m.: A Didsbury resident reported finding one

ing on a property and was concerned that children might discover them. Police attended and the bullets were destroyed.

4:15 p.m.: Two bottles of liquor valued at \$75 and \$33 were reported stolen from a

report of a vehicle that had been stolen from an unlocked garage. The owner been indicated that the vehicle's gas tank had only been a quarter full

Feb. 23

9 a.m.: A Carstairs woman contacted police to report that her vehicle had sus-tained damage. She indicated that she had collided with a garbage can while parking the vehicle in her garage Due to the extremely cold temperature, the front bumper had cracked in the collision. Total damage was

reported seeing a suspicious vehicle and told police that there was an ongoing problem with suspicious vehicles in that area.

8:42 a.m.: A break and enter at a Didsbury business was reported to police. Although items had been about, nothing strewn peared to be missing.

report of a vehicle collis

Water Valley liquor store. 8 p.m.: Police received a

estimated at \$2,600.
9 a.m.: Police received a

report that a male dressed entirely in black was standing in the middle of the QEII Highway. Police patrols were unable to locate the individ-

9 p.m.: A Didsbury resident

Feb. 24

1:15 p.m.: Police received a

in Didsbury in which a vehi cle about to make a righthand turn turned left suddenly and collided with another vehicle.

7 p.m.: Police received a complaint from the Carstairs Manor that two residents were not getting along and that one individual harassing the other.

Feb. 25

3:40 p.m.: Police received a report that a car had struck a deer on Hwy. 2A.

9:40 p.m.: A hit and run was reported to have occurred along the QEII Highway near Cremona. The vehicle, described as a black truck, was reported to be travelling northbound on

10:30 p.m.: Police received a report of a fight between four males outside a Didsbury bar. By the time police arrived, the bartender had already successfully broken up the fight and three of the individuals had left the

10:30 responded to a report from Didsbury that a female had driven her vehicle through a and struck a hou The driver was found to be intoxicated.

Feb. 26

6 a.m.: A small explosion at a natural gas compressor station was reported along Range Road 24 south of Westcott. The gas company was called in to investigate A four-inch valve was found to have failed and the station was shut down. The incident involved a sweet gas, so no evacuations were required.

10:03 a.m.: A two-vehicle collision in Didsbury was reported to police. Police found that a vehicle had hit a parked car. There were no

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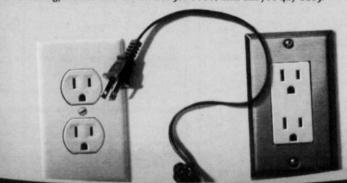
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DRIVE - Didsbury Dragon Megan Verbeek dribbles past Jasmine Mraz of the Drumheller Dynos during an invitational tourent held in Didsbury Feb. 27-28.

The Dragons triumphed 62-46 over the Dynos to finish the tournament third out of five teams.

"It was an excellent weekend of basketball with some great compe said Dragons coach Colleen Wassmer. "Our girls played hard for all their games.

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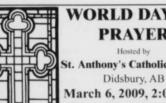
"We probably have the two toughest guys in the league who are willing to drop their mitts at any time for their teammates," said Murphy.

The efforts of goalies Jason Arnason and Mike Howden also received kudos from their coach.

They were consistent...by the third period we'd have guys pretty tired and they bailed us out," said Murphy, who also had praise for Pat Turville, the team's leading scorer with 21 goals and 18 assists

"He's a big, strong kid. He's got the work ethic where he's going to get the puck or do whatever it takes to be succes ful. He gives 100 per cent every time he steps on the ice

Murphy's two main objectives at the beginning of this eason remain unchanged for the next.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

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"We want the core of our team to be from the county of Mountain View and we want to win," he said.

"This organization deserves the chance to win the

league, and that's the goal every year."

Depending on work and school schedules, the Colts could have as many as 15 players returning to their lineup next season.

The Colts concluded the 2008-09 regular season with a record of 16-16-0-3.

The Mountainview Colts will be holding their seasonend awards banquet on Mar. 28 at the Didsbury Memorial Complex. Tickets will soon be available for purchase at the Didsbury Home Hardware and other locations around



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Outlaws 4-H club starts up again

Howdy, y'all! The Outlaws Horse 4-H club is kicking off the year. The Outlaws have had many activities and can't wait until show season so they can show off what they have learned. The Outlaws just did Public Speaking on Feb.1 and there were some amazing speeches. The judges could only pick three winners (Junior, Intermediate and Senior), so they had a hard time deciding. The members are also having an amazing time with their Western Coach and their English Coach. However, we've had some sad members with the cold winter. Brrr! - Submitted by Taylor Schaber



The Outlaws Horse 4-H club.

Prairie Partners 4-H Update

Well, our past month has been filled with activities. We ended off January with a herd health management night

Community News

at Krebs Veterinary Services. A big thank you to the vet clinic for putting it on. It was a fun and educational night. Then the first week of February we held our club public speaking. Congratulations to all that participated and to all that advanced to the south area competition. We hope that you all do well.

Next it was off to the regional curling held in Airdrie where we had three teams competing. We had a good

time and it was a great experience.

Then, on Feb. 20, 75 Mountain View district 4-H members and leaders all headed down to the Saddledome to watch a Calgary Hitmen game. It was lots of fun and we all got free burgers, thanks to the Hitmen winning the game 7-2. Well, that finishes this month. Enjoy our last few months of cold winter weather.

Submitted by Stephanie Rasmussen

Skaters set to show off skills

The Didsbury Skating Club has been very active this year, providing lessons for over 100 skaters with a wide range of abilities, from young beginners through to competitive figure skaters

The club will be holding its annual carnival on Mar. 15 from 2-5 p.m. at the Didsbury arena. This is an opportunity for the skaters to showcase the skills that they have developed throughout the year. Everyone is welcome to come and watch the skaters perform and admission is

- Submitted by Rose Schroeder

Local artist to hold second retrospective show

In 1987, Joyce Mullen, local artist and teacher, held a two day exhibit of her work, dating from 1935. She showed 232 pieces of her paintings and drawings, as well as her porcelain work. The local reporter for the paper asked her when she would have another and she said, "Within the next 25 years." It is now 22 years

She will be joined by students from the Spectrum art studio and one of her adult students who still comes to "paint-

The Junior class, whose teacher is Karilea Berg, will feature the work of Katryna Lanz of Olds, who was the graduating student of the studio last year, and who won the second prize for art for rural graduating students of Grade 12 for southern Alberta. This was presented by the Western Showcase of the Calgary Stampede and is given for post-sec-ondary education. She is the fourth winner from the

Katryna is enrolled in the Faculty of Nursing at Red Deer College.

The show will be entirely in black and white, pencil, pen and ink, charcoal and scratchboard. It will be held Saturday,

Mar. 28, from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. at Rosebud Community Hall.
Admission is by donation and the door prize will be a piece of Mrs. Mullen's porcelain art. The Rosebud Ladies will sell pie and coffee. All proceeds will go to the hall.

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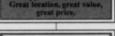


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